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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.35). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

r figure or series revised since previous issue
p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
n.a. not available
n.y.a. not yet available
— break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. k W h		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1981-82—																
August	8,754	8,161	19,135	39.9	9,796	8,817	42,398	35,621	736	717	570	537	37.0	36.1	344	316
September	8,040	7,176		36.8	8,471	8,317	33,827	31,337	544	566	478	466	35.9	32.5	363	283
October	10,223	8,517		37.5	8,572	8,669	34,962	35,621	567	558	623	592	30.6	26.9	385	327
November	8,160	7,260	21,562	36.4	8,150	8,703	33,480	34,740	510	542	519	489	40.6	36.5	311	268
December	5,765	5,534		32.0	8,168	8,745	32,445	37,476	564	558	499	517	37.0	39.6	267	249
January	1,429	1,921		28.5	8,166	8,915	30,702	37,662	631	565	351	499	12.3	37.1	164	389
February	8,805	8,747	23,448	42.1	7,903	8,883	30,373	37,154	497	555	467	500	34.4	35.2	287	310
March	11,026	9,588		43.8	8,606	8,772	31,414	34,642	661	631	519	501	43.3	38.0	315	296
April	8,254	9,048		36.1	8,070	8,686	31,251	34,421	601	612	523	512	32.6	36.0	270	314
May	10,099	9,319	22,091	42.1	8,694	8,429	40,386	37,846	655	635	555	524	39.9	36.2	191	217
June	10,784	10,142		47.5	9,824	8,981	43,343	35,862	592	630	497	501	41.4	38.1	241	245
1982-83—																
July	9,778	10,308		(c) 39.8	10,155	8,749	45,770	36,791	606	590	539	494	41.8	38.4	220	210
August	9,827	9,002		n.y.a.	19,126	18,212	40,776	34,036	561	539	473	446	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	234	211
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	9,162	8,970	37,443	34,938	368	388	463	472	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	282	218

(a) Gross mine output (b) Metallic contents of mine products (c) Available for use through mains, includes natural gas (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state (e) Estimate

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq. m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. flanneaux) '000 sq. m		Man-made fibre cloth '000 sq. m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division ^(b)	Whole milk intake by factories ^(c) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers ^(d)	Original	Seas. adj.
1981-82—															
August	5,230	4,765	956	1,028	12,287	11,433	168	1775	319.8	414	413	67,982	82.8	30,548	30,497
September	5,118	4,457	1,118	1,020	12,093	11,059	190	1772	321.2	490	424	105,627	83.4		
October	5,919	4,725	1,119	986	11,185	9,567	205	182	322.6	492	443	108,676	82.7		
November	4,042	4,079	1,205	1,030	11,711	11,224	169	188	324.0	468	431	96,230	78.8	31,242	31,220
December	4,015	4,601	963	953	9,518	11,153	184	191	325.0	616	434	85,778	78.2		
January	1,908	4,420	549	1,073	4,224	11,406	179	195	327.6	503	473	33,652	79.0		
February	4,296	4,548	907	856	10,434	10,763	195	218	332.6	388	434	37,399	76.1		
March	4,791	4,741	1,016	842	12,661	11,763	221	207	335.9	338	426	45,453	78.7	32,362	32,417
April	4,228	4,588	816	852	9,863	10,711	197	208	338.1	281	453	35,489	78.3		
May	4,276	4,414	756	873	10,764	10,072	207	206	340.1	240	483	36,584	81.9		
June	4,049	3,807	908	899	11,623	9,917	214	219	343.2	226	458	27,787	76.2	32,996	33,020
1982-83—															
July	3,519	2,833	837	847	12,171	10,456	226	227	346.4	292	454	46,811	81.9		
August	3,095	2,884	835	839	10,818	9,920	191	197	350.2	455	447	76,585	82.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
September	3,265	2,778	842	801	10,124	9,163	240	217	n.y.p.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) The Commodity composition of this series has changed following the introduction of a revised production commodity classification for textile items. Figures on the new basis are available from July 1979. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (e) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 56/20.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports	Imports				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1981-82—								
August	1,690	1,794	2,588	2,764	186	-533	266	4,696
September	1,497	1,846			186	-771	290	4,495
October	1,551	2,007			185	-666	795	4,577
November	1,505	1,813	n y a	n y a	185	-734	563	4,156
December	1,421	1,624			184	-544	725	4,360
January	1,557	1,751			185	-719	312	3,912
February	1,683	1,931	n y a	n y a	186	-684	26	3,942
March	1,716	2,158			187	-934	1,359	4,065
April	1,814	1,904			189	-833	2,011	5,204
May	1,817	2,225	n y a	n y a	193	-730	1,918	6,301
June	1,835	2,030			195	-713	956	6,517
1982-83—								
July	2,010	2,065			195	-593	1,447	6,770
August	1,810	2,048	n y a	n y a	196	-793	1,346	6,711
September	1,713	1,877			n y a	-712	1,681	8,396

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)								New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000		Installment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(h) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1981-82—														
August	2,852	2,984	4,293	4,387	2,909	3,013	1,468	1,542	397	364	120	124	124	2,457
September	2,937	3,030							379	376	125	125	125	3,495
October	3,057	3,025							354	356	115	116	116	3,543
November	3,053	3,035	4,831	4,506	3,597	3,074	1,904	1,602	375	390	113	118	118	3,585
December	4,222	3,106							410	400	124	131	131	3,655
January	2,918	3,128							336	418	102	130	130	3,673
February	2,737	3,132	4,498	4,625	2,718	3,156	1,488	1,609	334	362	116	124	124	3,706
March	3,080	3,150							441	413	153	140	140	3,764
April	(e)3,153	(e)3,237							380	393	121	127	127	3,785
May	(e)3,250	(e)3,233	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	412	406	128	123	123	3,834
June	(e)3,146	(e)3,302							442	411	150	128	128	3,906
1982-83—														
July	(e)3,219	(e)3,284							419	380	136	121	121	3,964
August	(e)3,123	(e)3,273	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	438	412	112	129	129	4,002
September	n y a	n y a							393	391	114	113	113	n y a

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: May \$170m, June \$170m, July \$180m. (e) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (\$)(a)		Weekly wage rates index, adult males(b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index: Weighted average of eight capital cities, 1980-81 = 100.0(d)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(e)
1981-82—													
August	286.60	194.70	718.6	1.46	105.5	106.4	104.1	106.4	105.5	105.3	105.7	102.9	99.4
September			723.5										
October			727.1										
November	299.40	197.30	740.0	1.57	109.9	108.1	106.9	109.7	109.2	110.0	107.6	126.2	99.6
December			745.4										
January			773.2										
February	316.00	207.10	780.0	1.48	111.8	109.1	107.4	112.2	112.0	111.3	110.4	131.2	100.0
March			784.1										
April			787.4										
May	326.00	215.50	790.9	1.45	114.5	110.7	110.0	115.9	115.6	114.7	112.9	134.5	101.2
June			805.9										
1982-83—													
July			816.3										
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	820.5	1.26	118.5	114.0	111.2	118.9	119.1	121.1	118.0	143.1	103.3
September			n.y.a.										

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employees. Figures for 'all males' prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, December Quarter 1981 (Preliminary)* (6301.0) and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in an *Information Paper* (6336.0). (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see August issue of *Overline, Australia* (6330.0). (d) With the introduction of the tenth series of the CPI, the reference base of the CPI series has been changed to 1980-81 = 100.00. The main CPI series published becomes that for the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Monthly index series are no longer compiled for the food group. (e) New grouping introduced from March quarter 1982. Base of index series: March quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings 000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced total (a) \$m		Dwellings commenced (a) 100 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)			
	Original	Season adj.	Original	Season adj.		Original	Season adj.	Original	Season adj.	Materials used in house building(b)	Materials used in other than house buildings(c)	New buildings and structures	Other new capital equipment	Original	Season adj.
1981-82—															
August	873.7	897.3	12.9	13.3	99.0	2,796.4	2,699.4	38.9	38.1	363.1	110.7	1,041.8	1,063.4	2,658.5	2,664.5
September	1,267.3	1,207.6	13.5	12.8	338.7					364.8	120.6				
October	915.1	894.4	13.4	12.7	79.3					366.9	121.3				
November	795.9	742.9	12.5	12.0	71.2	2,596.8	2,743.6	35.8	37.9	370.4	122.2	1,324.5	1,153.3	3,023.1	2,887.4
December	977.8	1,003.0	11.2	11.5	200.5					372.1	122.8				
January	717.3	942.4	9.4	11.8	132.0					376.3	125.0				
February	744.2	851.5	9.4	11.1	103.2	2,512.0	2,554.9	27.5	27.4	383.1	127.6	1,069.1	1,286.3	2,487.5	2,850.1
March	970.1	864.6	12.2	10.8	87.1					389.8	129.6				
April	766.2	811.1	10.3	10.6	80.6					392.9	131.0				
May	877.5	837.2	10.3	10.0	104.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	395.6	132.0	p1,400.2	p1,344.7	p3,286.7	p3,046.4
June	943.7	839.3	10.2	9.1	135.9					398.5	133.8				
1982-83—															
July	861.0	844.1	10.2	10.3	110.5					402.6	135.7				
August	792.2	772.6	9.6	9.3	123.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p405.2	p137.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					p407.5	p138.1				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement (issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0) entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics* which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base 1979-80 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors'— balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Permanent building societies lenders (e) \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m				
			Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj				Banks \$m			
	1981-82—	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
August	23,342	23,302	26,126	27,051	20,043	20,081	24,389	320	150	105	14.65	1,274.9	3,459
September	23,384	23,293	26,846	27,283	20,443	20,422	24,753	357	156	112	14.60		2,625
October	23,646	23,541	27,398	27,572	20,866	20,564	25,048	309	154	107	14.60		2,699
November	23,777	23,713	27,639	27,678	20,822	20,823	25,433	308	174	110	14.50	818.5	3,752
December	24,305	24,207	28,151	27,565	21,080	20,864	25,814	316	164	102	14.50		2,779
January	24,425	24,315	28,185	27,484	21,161	21,308	25,787	305	147	87	14.65		3,570
February	24,769	24,555	28,452	27,488	21,074	21,464	26,036	322	165	93	14.95	398.9	3,506
March	24,458	24,529	28,862	27,556	21,486	21,838	26,416	379	194	112	15.20		3,862
April	24,242	24,643	29,278	28,708	22,348	22,300	26,786	282	146	98	15.60		5,427
May	24,550	24,836	29,652	30,241	22,382	22,178	27,170	309	127	105	16.40	624.5	5,340
June	25,047	25,036	29,457	30,285	22,119	22,253	27,587	350	118	100	16.40		4,154
1982-83—													
July	24,975	25,007	29,569	30,951	22,569	22,508	27,999	307	110	101	16.40		n.y.a.
August	25,266	25,198	29,858	30,890	22,640	22,682	28,195	328	114	84	16.60		n.y.a.
September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	30,624	31,075	22,809	22,784	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	15.20		n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure													
	Gross domestic product				Gross farm product				Gross non-farm product				Private	
	Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Government	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1980-81—														
March	31,189	33,043	1,362	1,648	29,807	31,395	19,015	19,918	5,333	5,656	4,987	5,556	2,207	2,505
June	32,758	34,289	949	1,738	31,809	32,551	20,268	20,427	5,972	5,782	6,236	5,857	3,022	2,596
1981-82—														
September	35,273	35,698	1,346	1,943	33,927	33,755	21,118	21,212	6,088	6,159	6,208	6,304	2,522	2,740
December	40,587	36,237	3,915	1,887	36,672	34,350	23,138	21,890	6,578	6,338	7,621	7,243	2,051	1,988
March	35,048	37,217	1,361	1,793	33,687	35,424	21,488	22,504	5,786	6,147	5,884	6,567	2,452	2,779
June	37,327	39,164	790	1,823	36,537	37,341	23,010	23,194	7,002	6,780	7,070	6,830	3,386	2,901
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1980-81—														
March	28,144	29,816	1,318	1,593	26,826	28,243	17,199	18,029	4,750	5,026	4,441	4,958	1,951	2,215
June	28,819	30,112	971	1,662	27,848	28,450	18,025	18,133	5,126	4,957	5,441	5,116	2,592	2,224
1981-82—														
September	30,181	30,648	1,383	1,905	28,798	28,743	18,372	18,447	5,100	5,166	5,320	5,399	2,112	2,295
December	34,221	30,385	3,660	1,862	30,561	28,523	19,572	19,539	5,285	5,084	6,386	6,060	1,864	1,609
March	28,589	30,485	1,493	1,953	27,096	28,532	17,821	18,681	4,660	4,937	4,748	5,312	1,936	2,195
June	29,346	30,775	1,102	1,993	28,244	28,782	18,609	18,725	5,308	5,135	5,530	5,189	2,564	2,197
AT CURRENT PRICES — continued														
Quarter	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises													
	Imports of goods and services				Exports of goods and services				Companies				Other	
	Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81—														
March	6,178	6,134	5,385	5,452	1,654	4,115	6,112	6,746	17,365	18,201	632	7,832	5,063	20,566
June	6,474	6,630	5,757	5,886	1,979	4,214	5,736	6,865	18,780	18,995	206	9,657	7,430	21,213
1981-82—														
September	6,953	6,868	5,456	5,615	4,503	4,498	6,952	7,415	19,677	19,499	584	8,853	4,538	24,576
December	6,814	6,789	5,348	5,205	5,027	4,731	10,016	7,396	21,014	19,997	3,015	10,598	4,618	30,009
March	7,308	7,257	5,803	5,866	3,470	3,929	6,733	7,564	20,007	20,977	507	8,911	6,276	23,149
June	7,507	7,698	6,200	6,132	4,066	4,323	6,502	7,998	21,692	21,831	59	11,589	8,930	24,792

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)

JOB
VACANCIES
(c) ('000)

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (c)
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons	
1981-82—													
August	4,245.0	4,276.1	2,488.4	2,514.5	6,733.4	6,793.8	187.0	133.8	56.2	199.7	177.4	377.1	34.7
September	4,297.5	4,295.4	2,559.7	2,536.8	6,857.2	6,834.0	194.2	133.9	63.0	209.5	181.6	391.1	
October	4,249.4	4,275.2	2,527.4	2,533.4	6,776.9	6,811.8	185.4	118.7	66.3	199.7	176.6	376.4	
November	4,243.5	4,282.1	2,527.9	2,527.7	6,771.4	6,809.2	185.6	125.1	61.2	200.4	171.5	371.9	36.7
December	4,334.4	4,267.2	2,571.6	2,531.7	6,905.9	6,802.5	206.1	152.6	74.6	232.6	200.7	433.3	
January	4,299.6	4,283.1	2,461.4	2,537.0	6,761.0	6,819.0	221.0	156.0	62.6	238.6	201.0	439.6	
February	4,334.7	4,307.2	2,547.2	2,544.9	6,881.9	6,853.3	236.3	170.3	77.8	251.7	232.7	484.4	
March	4,329.9	4,317.3	2,590.9	2,553.9	6,920.8	6,867.3	216.1	158.2	85.4	221.6	221.6	459.7	33.7
April	4,289.9	4,287.9	2,542.5	2,522.7	6,832.4	6,811.3	210.2	153.1	72.8	227.2	209.0	436.2	
May	4,306.8	4,311.2	2,547.9	2,552.2	6,854.7	6,857.8	219.8	152.8	77.1	239.8	210.0	449.9	25.3
June	4,294.1	4,308.4	2,532.4	2,541.1	6,826.5	6,845.3	215.8	150.8	61.2	239.5	208.3	447.8	
1982-83—													
July	4,307.8	4,321.6	2,534.4	2,536.1	6,842.2	6,859.3	233.1	142.9	74.2	253.3	196.9	450.3	
August	4,287.5	4,319.1	2,518.6	2,545.0	6,806.0	6,867.0	r249.9	r135.6	r73.1	r271.0	r187.5	r458.5	21.5
September	4,352.9	4,350.6	2,567.1	2,544.0	6,920.0	6,896.4	p270.1	p150.5	p84.1	p292.3	p212.5	p504.8	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA (a)
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)
(c) ('000)

Month	Civilian employees												Defence Forces(b)	Total Government
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territories		Local		Total					
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons			
1981—														
July	276.9	126.1	579.3	418.1	7.7	6.7	102.8	27.9	966.7	578.7	1,545.4	72.5	1,617.9	
August	276.7	126.6	578.8	419.2	7.7	6.7	103.0	28.0	966.2	580.4	1,546.6	72.5	1,619.1	
September	276.3	126.7	579.3	420.4	7.7	6.6	103.0	28.2	966.3	582.0	1,548.3	72.5	1,620.7	
October	276.2	128.0	578.2	419.5	7.8	6.6	102.8	28.3	965.0	582.3	1,547.4	72.6	1,620.0	
November	276.3	128.1	579.3	418.8	7.7	6.6	102.7	28.5	965.9	581.9	1,547.9	72.6	1,620.5	
December	276.9	128.2	578.8	414.4	7.7	6.6	103.1	28.3	966.5	577.6	1,544.1	72.3	1,616.4	
1982—														
January	276.6	128.2	576.6	405.9	7.7	6.5	103.4	27.8	964.3	566.5	1,532.8	72.7	1,605.5	
February	276.2	127.9	579.3	419.8	7.7	6.5	103.8	28.8	966.9	583.1	1,550.0	73.3	1,623.3	
March	276.1	128.4	581.0	423.7	7.7	6.6	104.2	28.6	968.9	587.6	1,556.5	73.4	1,629.9	
April	275.6	128.7	579.9	424.3	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.9	967.3	588.5	1,555.8	73.4	1,629.2	
May	275.1	128.5	581.8	421.8	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.8	968.7	585.8	1,554.5	73.3	1,627.8	
June	274.7	127.4	582.3	426.9	7.6	6.6	104.5	28.9	969.0	589.9	1,558.9	73.2	1,632.1	
July	273.9	128.2	581.2	426.1	7.5	6.5	104.2	29.0	968.8	589.8	1,556.6	73.2	1,629.8	
August	274.4	128.7	580.9	427.5	7.5	6.3	104.2	28.9	967.0	591.4	1,558.4	73.1	1,631.5	

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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